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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1791

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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEETING ON THE STRAITS OF MALACCA/SINGAPORE

REFS: (A) SINGAPORE 1660; (B) STATE 087918

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON SENG INFORMED DCM APRIL 28 THAT TOKYO MEETING WAS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO ANALYZING THE DATA FROM THE LAST HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY OF THE STRAITS. TAN SAID IT HAD PROBABLY BEEN A MISTAKE FOR HIM TO ATTEND THE MEETING SINCE IT HAD LED SOME OTHERS TO BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL LEGAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE STRAITS MIGHT BE DISCUSSED.

2. OUTSIDE REGULAR CONFERENCE MEETINGS MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATES HAD PROPOSED THAT CONFERENCE ENDEAVOR TO PREPARE A SPECIFIC TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME. HOWEVER, GOS HAD PERSUADED THEM THAT IT WAS THE WRONG TIME SINCE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT AND IMS GOVERNMENTS HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED

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THAT SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE DEVELOPED BY THE THREE IMS GOVERNMENTS WITHOUT OTHER GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES BEING PRESENT.

2. TAN NOTED THAT THE TRIPARTITE MEEEEEING ON THE STRAITS IN FEBRUARY HAD AGREED TO DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND A SPECIFIC TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS BY MAY 15. THE GOS HAS SENT INVITATIONS TO THE GOM AND GOI TO HOLD A MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN SINGAPORE SOMETIME DURING THE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK IN MAY TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS. HOWEVER, INDONESIA WAS PRESSING TO HOLD THE MEETING IN JAKARTA. THE GOS WAS OPPOSED TO THIS BECAUSE IT WAS FEARFUL THAT THE GOI MIGHT OVERLY DRAMATIZE AND INCORRECTLY REPORT THE RESULTS OF SUCH A MEETING -- CALLING IT THE "JAKARTA DECLARATION" OR MAKE SOME OTHER BOMBASTIC STATEMENT WHICH WOULD UPSET THE USER GOVERNMENTS.

3. ACCORDING TO TAN, THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS MEETING WOULD STUDY AND PREPARE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES' CONSIDER ADDITIONAL NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND POSSIBLE TONNAGE AND DRAFT RESTRICTIONS. THEIR REPORT WOULD THEN BE CONSIDERED AT A PLENARY SESSION OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE IMS GOVERNMENTS SOMETIME IN JUNE OR JULY.  
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